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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TW

SUBJECT: US PRESENCE AT TAIPEI AIR STATION

REF: POPPLE 12/29/75 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR UNGER

1. AS YOU SURMISED, WE DO REGARD CONTINUED OCCUPANCY OF TAS BY US FORCES AS UNDESIRABLE. WE SUSPECT THAT ROC OFFER OF SPACE AT TAS FOR US MILITARY ELEMENTS IS MOTIVATED BY DESIRE PRESERVE US PRESENCE AT A SITE LONG REGARDED BY PUBLIC AS A MAJOR US FACILITY. OUR INTEREST, OF COURSE, IS TO PRESENT HIGHLY VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF REDUCED US MILITARY PRESENCE AS PART OF THE CONDITIONING PROCESS.

2. AS RESULT INFORMAL, DISCREET INQUIRIES AT DOD AND WITH AGREEMENT OF AMBASSADOR UNGER, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT AT PRESENT STAGE BEST COURSE IS FOR YOU TO BROACH ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH COL. MICHELA. YOU SHOULD INFORM MICHELA AND OTHER CONCERNED US COMMANDERS THAT AS RESULT HIS DISCUSSIONS IN DEPARTMENT, AMBASSADOR UNGER BELIEVES  
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THAT IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO ACCEPT CHINESE OFFER OF

SPACE AT TAS. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE CONVENIENCE AND  
ECONOMIES WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM ACCEPTANCE OF CHINESE  
OFFER, THERE ARE STRONG FOREIGN POLICY REASONS FOR

REJECTING IT AND COMPLETELY ELIMINATING THE US PRESENCE  
AT TAS.

3. IF MICHELA OR OTHERS DESIRE, WE COULD MAKE THE SAME  
POINT TO DEFENSE. KISSINGER

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